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AND IT CAME TO PASS

And it came to pass that a most beautiful location was selected, one day, by some travelers who were looking for a place where they might found a city.

Many men were soon attracted to this locality, lured there, some by the factories that were presently erected, some by the educational advantages which were soon offered.

And the years slipped by. For some time the city prospered and grew and its fame went out through all the land.

And the residue who remained became discouraged and ceased to work for the further building up of their city after those who had been the leaders in that community had gone away.

One of the original settlers of this place, however, still continued to reside in his old home. To be sure, he was white-haired and feeble, but his mind still retained its clearness and vigor.

As he sat upon the porch of his house in the late afternoon, sunshine, one day, he looked up to see a stranger entering his gateway. The man was tall and stalwart and walked with an air of assurance.

The old man looked at the stranger and was impelled, by his clear, straightforward look to speak the exact truth as he saw it.

"But," continued the old man, "you have not yet told me your name, nor have you explained why you have come to me with this question."

"My name," said the stranger, in his straightforward way, "is Big Business Opportunity. I came to your city to size it up, attracted by its natural advantages.

The old man slowly raised his white head and rubbed his fast-dimming eyes, and said to himself, "I must have been dreaming. The sun has gone down and I am getting chilly.

The city of this tale is not our city. That fact is plainly shown by the Merchants Bureau's Co-operative Sale of last week.

When the whole day goes wrong and you get completely discouraged, it is a good thing to remember that another day is coming and that perhaps everything will go right tomorrow.

Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN

FRANKLIN PIERCE

- 1804—November 23, Franklin Pierce born at Hillsboro, N. H.
1829-33—Member of New Hampshire legislature.
1833-37—Member of congress.
1837-42—United States senator.
1847-48—Brigadier general in the Mexican war.
1852—June, nominated by the Democrats.
1853—March 4, inaugurated fourteenth president, aged sixty-four.
1854—The Missouri compromise repealed.
1856—Pierce defeated for re-nomination.
1869—October 8, died, aged sixty-four.

FRANKLIN PIERCE was the second dark horse and the third New Englander to enter the White house. He was chosen not as a representative of New England, but rather as an agent of the south, and New Hampshire debated half a century before it grudgingly set up in the yard of the capital at Concord a statue of her only president.

A member of the legislature at twenty-nine, while his father was governor, and twice a member of congress, he was a senator of the United States at thirty-three. Resigning when his term had yet a year to run, he afterward refused a second election to the senate and refused the governorship.

Pierce was elected in a more sweep-



Franklin Pierce.

ing victory than any other president had had since Monroe. He had the mandate and the opportunity to be president of the whole Union.

The new president's appointment of Jefferson Davis to be secretary of war identified his administration at the outset with the aggressive faction in the south.

Slavery was in its last throes everywhere. Great Britain had abolished it in her West Indian islands, Mexico had abolished it next door to our own slave states.

At the same time congress at home was repealing the Missouri compromise and wiping out the dead line against slavery, which had been drawn a quarter of a century before.

"Then and there the Civil war began. 'Border ruffians,' as the north called the settlers, who rushed in from Missouri and other slave states, and settlers no less rough in their fighting who poured in from the free states, quickly turned that primeval into 'Bleeding Kansas.' Rival territorial governments were set up by the two factions, and Pierce threw the weight of the federal power on the side of those who were desperately striving to create another slave state.

The whole country was drawn into the struggle, and the Republican party sprang into life. At the election in the middle of his term, Pierce saw the Democratic representation in the house cut down one-half and the opposition sweep in with a big majority.

"A teacher wrote a list of spelling words on the board, asking the pupils to put them into sentences to illustrate their meaning. One word was 'goblet,' and a boy wrote this sentence: 'If I had a piece of cake, I would goblet.'"

WHY Indirect Lighting Is Best for the Eyes

Not long ago we substituted the electric and gas light for the old-fashioned coal oil lamp. We think we have wonderful lighting systems. According to Forrest Knapp of Colorado Agricultural college, the glare due to the use of the incandescent lamp is so great that it may counteract all of the good effects of increased intensity of illumination.

There are two main ways in which modern lighting is done, directly and indirectly. With indirect lighting the source of illumination cannot be seen but the light is reflected from the walls and ceiling, but when direct lighting is used the source may be seen. The latter is the more common.

It has been proved that after three hours' work the efficiency of the eye is but little less when indirect lighting is used. The efficiency of the eye after three hours' work in daylight is about 98 per cent. When an indirect light is used the efficiency is about 97 per cent. Not much difference.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE. A singular instance of the ups and downs of life, has been given in the newspapers in the story of Thomas Proctor, formerly member of prominent law firms in New York, and the owner of the bed in which Abraham Lincoln died.

ALWAYS MATTER OF POLITICS

Why Presidency of the United States Has Been Described as a Web of Fate.

The presidency has been described as a web of fate, because men in office have either assisted friends of theirs into the White House, or been compelled to bow low before the political drives of bitter enemies.

But before George Washington was named president despite his many enemies—between the call to arms in 1775 and the establishment of the Constitution—four men were virtually the presidents of the United States, says William Estlinbrook Chancellor in his book on "Our Presidents and Their Offices." They were not individually presidents, but in combination they operated somewhat as a president operates.

Record Directory FOR READY REFERENCE. Preserve This and Then You'll Know. President and Congress. President, Warren Harding, Ohio, salary \$75,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$150,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$250,000 in all.

Why Coke Is Good Fuel. Coke does not give quite as much heat per ton as high grade anthracite coal, but in many instances the average grade of coke is available at a lower cost per ton than high grade anthracite, and as a special inducement some dealers give a few hundred pounds extra per ton of coke.

Why Winter Fruits Are Good. Dried figs contain more than three times the nutriment of fresh eggs. Figs are justly entitled to a place among the food fruits. In the dry state or stewed they are an excellent food for children in cold weather.

How to Kill Mosquitoes. M. Roubaud of the Pasteur Institute in Paris has now discovered a method of destroying the larvae of mosquitoes by sprinkling powdered formalin on the surface of the water. This does not injure fish or make water impossible to drink, and it is also said to be much more rapid and effective than oil.

How Asbestos Withstands Acids. Asbestos is the queerest mineral in the world and is rapidly becoming one of the most important. It is impervious to the fiercest heat and can also withstand acids which would eat up almost any metal.

A Record Moteur. A small boy, born in a Turkish harem, is said to have 48 stepmothers living. Our office boy, however, is still undefeated in the matter of recent defunct grandmothers.—London Punch.

With Our State Contemporaries

THE RAILROAD STRIKE. The chiefs of the five big railroad labor unions met in Cleveland Tuesday to perfect plans for carrying out a nation-wide tie-up of the railroads of the country October 30. These high paid union members propose to cripple the transportation of the country, add to the unemployment and suffering unless they can continue to receive pay which will keep freight and passenger fares so high that business cannot get back to good conditions.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE.

A singular instance of the ups and downs of life, has been given in the newspapers in the story of Thomas Proctor, formerly member of prominent law firms in New York, and the owner of the bed in which Abraham Lincoln died.

It is amazing how quickly a man drops out of sight in a great city when misfortune begins to go against him. The world looks at failure as unattractive, even if a man's failure is not from his own fault.

The man who has had a rather high position, and then fails to maintain it, is really worse off than the humbler individual. The latter forms his own ties among his own type of people and is happy and content.

This tendency to neglect the unsuccessful is much more pronounced in large cities. In smaller towns life is simpler and man's worth is not so much measured by standards of money and display.

We can do it if it is in the printing line. The Alma Record.—advertisement 10-3w

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President and Congress. President, Warren Harding, Ohio, salary \$75,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$150,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$250,000 in all.

The Cabinet. Arranged in order of presidential succession: Sec'y State, Charles E. Hughes, N. Y.; Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, Pa.; War, John W. Weeks, Mass.; Atty-Gen., Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio; Postmaster-Gen., Will H. Hays, Ind.; Sec'y Navy, Edwin Denby, Mich.; Interior, Albert B. Fall, N. Mex.; Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, Iowa; Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover, Calif.; Labor, James J. Davis, Pa. Salary of each \$12,000.

Michigan Government. Governor, Alex. J. Groesbeck, salary, \$5,000; Lieut. Gov., Thomas Reed, salary, \$3,000; Secretary of State, Charles J. Deland, salary, \$2,500.00; State Treas., Frank E. Gamm, salary, \$2,500.00; Auditor Gen., Oran B. Fuller, salary, \$2,500.00; Attorney Gen., Martin Wiley, salary \$500.00; Sup't. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary, \$4,000.00; State Highway Com., Frank F. Rogers, salary \$1,500.00; Senator of District, Aaron Amos, salary \$300.00; Representative of District, David C. Locke, salary, \$800.00; Supreme Court Justices, salary \$700.00; Joseph H. Moore, Joseph H. Steere, Howard W. Grant, Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Bird, Nelson Sharp.

County Officers. Circuit Judge, Edward J. Molnet, salary \$2500.00; Judge of Probate, James G. Kress, salary, \$2400.00; Sheriff, A. T. Willett, salary, fees; Clerk, Bernice Case, salary, \$1500; Treas., Sidney Evey, salary, \$1200; Pro. Atty., Romaine Clark, salary, \$2200; Register of Deeds, Chas. Heister, salary, fees; School Com., Howard Potter, salary, \$1800; Circuit Court Com., Archie McCall, Wm. A. Buhke, fees; Drain Com., Ezra Laycock, salary \$1500; Coroners, W. K. Ludwig, Dr. Hall, fees.

City Government. Mayor, Chas. E. Murphy, salary, \$200.00; City Commissioners, John C. Chick, Floyd Glass, A. J. Archer, Philip Cresser, salary, \$200.00; City Manager, Wm. E. Reynolds, salary \$2000.00; City Clerk, Francis C. Hayward, salary \$3000.00; City Treasurer, D. W. Adams, salary, \$1800.00; City Attorney, Wm. A. Buhke, salary, \$1500.00; Health Officer, Dr. John N. Day, salary, \$1500.00; Chief of Police, James R. Campbell, salary \$1150.00; Supervisors, 1st ward, Jesse E. Fuller, 2nd ward, Nicholas E. Saad, 3rd ward, Albert P. Cook, 4th ward, Jacob D. Helman, salary, \$5.00 per day on actual time.

Ellison's Grocery. New English Currants per lb. 25c. New Seeded or Seedless Raisins, pkg. 22c. New Santa Clara Prunes per lb. 15c - 20c. Larabee or Lily White Flour, 24 1/2 lbs. \$1.15. Premium Soda Crackers per lb. 16c. Lewis Lye per can 15c. Karo Syrup, 10 lb. cans, Blue 60c. Brednut Oleo, per lb. 24c. 5 lb. sack Pen Yan Buckwheat Flour 33c. 5 lb. sacks Golden Corn Meal 18c. Export Borax Soap, large bars 5c. Oval Pearl Soap, floating toilet soap 5c. Granulated Sugar \$6.25 cwt., per lb. 6 1/2c. Save Coupons For Premium Aluminum Ware. Ellison's Grocery.

Freeman's QUALITY ICE CREAM. is a food which should be eaten every day in the year. Our Special Bricks this winter will reflect the skill and ingenuity of a thoroughly experienced organization—competent to satisfy the most discriminating. WEEK END SPECIAL DE LUXE Three Layers Toasted Filbert Nut Mousse Lemon Sherbet Center Layer Manhattan Pudding ORDER BY NAME Flint, Saginaw, Bay City and Alma

Strand Theater. Thursday and Friday WM. S. HART —in— "THE CRADLE OF COURAGE" Fox News—Pathe Review. Saturday WALLACE REID —in— "ALWAYS AUDACIOUS" Christie Comedy. Sunday and Monday CECH B. DeMILLE Presents Wallace Reid, Gloria Swanson, Bebe Daniels, Wanda Hawley, Elliott Dexter, and five other big stars, in "THE AFFAIRS OF ANATOL" Chester Comedy. Tuesday and Wednesday A Special Gertrude Atherton Production "DON'T NEGLECT YOUR WIFE" Kinograms Burton Holmes Travelogue. Thursday and Friday VIOLA DANA —in— "LIFE'S DARN FUNNY" Fox News Pathe Review. VAUDEVILLE Wednesday and Thursday Nights Matinees Saturdays and Sundays only